

L. S. 4 (1936) Department.

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G.O. No. 942 S.H

DATED 25-3-1936

[Despatch Abstract.]

Medical Institutions - South Kanara District - Mangalore - Lady
Goschen Hospital - Appointment of a Honorary Woman Assistant Surgeon
in the place of Male Honorary Assistant Surgeon - Ordered.

To

The Joint Secretary, Local Government Department, Fort St. George,
MADRAS.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1324 dated 7.6.1935 the facts are not properly stated in your letter. The Hon. male physician is in charge only of the Maternity wards. The ordinary labour cases are conducted by the nurses or mid-wives. All operations connected with abnormal labour cases are done mostly by the Lady Doctors and seldom by the Hon. Physician. The D.M.O. or the A.D.M.O. never attend abnormal labour cases as the Lady Doctors are very proficient in this work and possess more experience than the D.M.O. or the A.D.M.O. The Senior Lady Doctor is an M.B.B.S. with 20 years experience in various W. & C. Hospitals such as Lady Harding Hospital, Delhi, Bhopal State. The Junior is an L.C.P. & S. of Bombay with 21 years experience. The hospital is very popular since the arrival of these Lady Doctors and more and more gosha ladies are coming into this hospital for confinement. Big operations in the Surgical Wards are at times done by the D.M.O. assisted by the Lady Doctors and the A.D.M.O. These sort of operations are never done or assisted by the Hon. Physician. Purdha ladies seldom undergo such operations and have no objection for male element in such cases.

However there is no excuse whatever to appoint a male Hon. Physician to attend abnormal labour cases when there are competent female doctors. As I want to elicit some further

information I am sending some supplementary questions

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2.2.36 }

Yours obediently
M. Gendunad
M. L. C.

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Dr. Shiva Rao
(Honorary)

Name of operations.		
Major operations.	Forceps and Craniotomy	1
	Forceps	3
	Podalic version with extraction	1
	Breech extraction	1
	Manual removal of placenta + membranes.	-
Minor operations.	Repair of perineum	2
	Evacuation of uterus.	33
Total.		

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Name of operations.		Dr. Shiva Rao.	Mis
Major operations.	Caesarean section	2	operation for infected and Died.
	Forceps and Craniotomy	1	
	Forceps	3	Total 42
	Podalic version with extraction	2	
	External version	-	
	Breech extraction.	2	
	Manual removal of placenta + membranes.	-	
Minor operations.	Repair of perineum	3	32
	Evacuation of uterus	29	
	Plugging of vagina	-	
	Replacement of prolapsed cord	-	
Total		42	

Miss Chacko
(Resident)

Mrs. Cyriacose
(non resident)

Grand Total

1 } 1 died - up in air
22 } 3 deaths
9 } (1) Cancer
- } (3) contracted polio
33 2 deaths
(1) Plague from
(2) Throat in 2
from not known
(one of contracted
polio)

16 }
15 } 31
2 deaths -

- }
4 } 4

Total 8 deaths

64

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109

Mrs. Wright.

Mrs. Pariacose.

3 } 1 died - up in air
12 } 2 respiratory land.
9 } 1 died - up in air
- } (inf. and land)
1 } 30
5 }

- }
3 } 2 deaths
14 } (1) up in air
10 } (2) respiratory
- } 10
6 } 1 death
7 } (plague from)

12 }
13 } 27
2 }

14 }
8 } 23
- }
1 }

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Name of operations.		Dr. Shiva Rao.	
Major Operations.	Caesarean section	1	17
	Forceps with craniotomy	2	
	Forceps -	4	
	Podalic version with extraction	3	
	External version	-	
	Breech extraction	2	
	Manual removal of placenta + membranes —	1	
	Repair of perineum	4	
Minor Operations.	Evacuation of uterus	30	33
	Replacement of uterus	-	
	Plugging of vagina.	-	
	Acupuncture —	1	
	Injection of Glycerine —	2	
Total.		5	

With exception of pneumonia, & eclampsia, all ^{cases of} deaths were born

Mangalore }
20-2-1936

To

The District Medical Officer
South Kanara
Kargal

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Mingis
 Woman Assistant Surgeon,
 Lady Gosechen Hospital,
 Mangalore.

L.S.S. (P.H.) Sept.

C.No. 4692. From Khan Bahadur M. Schammad, M.L.C.,
Kasaragod of 2.2.36.

Subject.

Medical Institutions - South Kanara -
Mangalore - Lady Goschen Hospital -
Male Hony. Physician - Protest.

The medical staff of
the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore,
consists of two women sub. asst -
Surgeons and one male Honorary
Physician

2. In 1935, Mr. Schammad
pointed out that ~~the~~ presence of a
male doctor in a women and
Children Hospital was repugnant
to the feelings of the Gocha women
who resorted to the hosp^l for
treatment and ~~also~~ requested that
the Hony. Physician may be
removed. But the S.G. considered
that it was not possible to avoid
the male element in the hosp^l
and that the services of the
Hony. Physician were quite essential
Mr. Schammad was informed accordingly

7 lines from
the civil medical
list - p 111

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In this connection, the S. G. reported that notifications were published in the Fort St George Gazette inviting applications for the post of a Hong. woman Assistant Surgeon medical officer in the Lady Goschen Hospital at Mangalore and that no one applied for the post.

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4. It appears that the member has given notice of some supplementary questions in the second. ~~of they may be awaited. In the meantime this may be lodged. no reply to Mr. Schamund is necessary.~~

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The file may be sent to S. G. for perusal or remarks.

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S. G.

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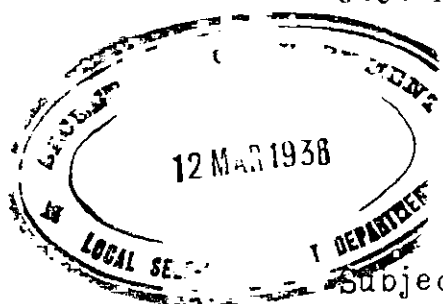
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U.O. No. R. 390 E. -

Surgeon-General's Office,
Madras, 11th March 1936.



U.O. reply.

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Subject:- Honorary Medical Officers - Honorary Physician -
Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore - Protest.

Ref:- L.S.G. U.O. No. 4692-1-D.2 P.H. dated 10-2-36.

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A copy of remarks of the District Medical Officer,
South Kanara, on the letter of Khan Bahadur M. Schamnad,
M.L.C., is enclosed. I agree with the views expressed
by the District Medical Officer.

2. The staff at the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore,
consists of 1 woman assistant surgeon and 1 woman sub
assistant surgeon and not 2⁺ woman sub assistant surgeons
as stated in para 1 of the U.O. note.

3. The enclosure received with the Government U.O.
Note is herewith returned.

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To

The Joint Secy. to Govt.,

L.S.G. (P.H.) Dept., u.o.

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Copy of letter R. No. 19/S/36 dated 22-2-36 from
the District Medical Officer, Mangalore, to the Personal
Assistant to the Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

A copy of the letter dated 2nd February 1936 from
Khan Bahadur Mr. Schamnad, M.L.C., to Government has been

been perused by me. It is quite wrong to say that all abnormal cases are done by the Lady Doctors, and seldom by the Honorary Physician. The list⁺ appended refutes the argument. The District Medical Officer or Assistant District Medical Officer does not attend abnormal labour cases as the Honorary Physician -- supplies their place, and not for the reasons mentioned in the said letter.

The statement that the popularity of this institution began only after the arrival of these Lady Doctors is not correct. Ever since the extension of the Hospital buildings by the construction of new blocks in 1928, more patients have been steadily coming in. The remark that the Lady Assistants are more proficient than the District Medical Officers is too preposterous to need any notice.

3. As the work of the Honorary Physician is confined to maternity section alone, he does not operate on General Surgical side. The total number of operations in Maternity cases done in this institution in 1934-1935 were 357, and the Honorary Physician performed 92. The latter were all difficult, and include 3 Caesarean sections, and these cases could not be done by the Lady Doctors.

4. Mr. Schamnad himself in the said letter admits that Purdah ladies in the case of big operations do not object to male assistants. In my experience in this District, they not only do not object, but prefer male assistance, specially in difficult maternity cases, as they know their interests best.

5. As an instance in ~~point~~ point, Mr. Schamnad might remember an open letter addressed to him condemning his attacks

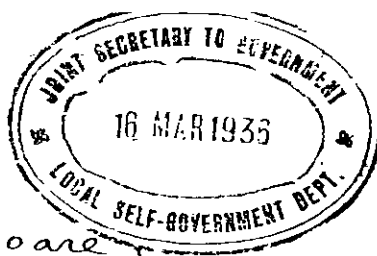
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on the Honorary Physician in the council, written by one Mr. Kunhi Ahmed, his own co-religionist, whose wife was saved by a caesarean section done by the Honorary Physician on 13th February 1934. I understand that a copy of the said letter was sent to this office at the time by the Moplah gentleman.

6. The competency of women doctors to attend on abnormal labour cases involving difficult extracts is a question where a layman cannot be expected to see eye-to-eye with a Medical man, as the issues of life and death involved are too vital to be lightly considered. I fully endorse all the remarks in this connection made by my predecessor and may go even a step further and say that the male element is quite necessary to maintain the efficiency of the Hospital.

The 88 may however
 be told that as soon
 as a lady becomes
 available for ~~the~~ appointments
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 the present ^{high} make do
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 by her as
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A draft ^{of a draft D.O. are} order is submitted for
 approval.

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Office of the Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras,
Madras, 4th April 1936.

Telephonic message (by Post).

J. H. 338
7.4.36.

From

The Surgeon-General with the Government of
Madras, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Madras.

Reference:-G.O.No.Ms.942 P.H.,dated 25th March 1936
Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore - appointment of an
Honorary woman ~~an~~ assistant surgeon.

There is only one Honorary Physician in the Lady
Goschen Hospital, Mangalore, and the term Honorary Assis-
tant Surgeon mentioned in the above G.O. presumably
refers to the Honorary Physician. An errata to the
above G.O. may therefore be issued.

P. H. 338
6.4.36

Personal Assistant
for Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

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Edu & P.H. Dept.

No. 338. From the P. H. of 4.4.36.

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~~Dr. P.~~

Ladies

Medical Institutions - Lady
Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.
Appointment for Hon'y
woman Asst. Surgeon

~~Dr. P.~~

Memo No. : - 338-102 P. H. of 22.4.36

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The following erratum
is issued to G.O. No. 942 P.H.
of 25.3.36. & D.O. No. 12064-
82 P.H.; of 25.3.36.

Erratum

Follows the wording
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For " male Honorary Asst
Surgeon "

Read " male Honorary
Physician ".

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Schaamad Sahib
Bahadur, M.L.C.
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Note.

After issue, this may be filed
with G.O. No. 942 P.H. of 25.3.36

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